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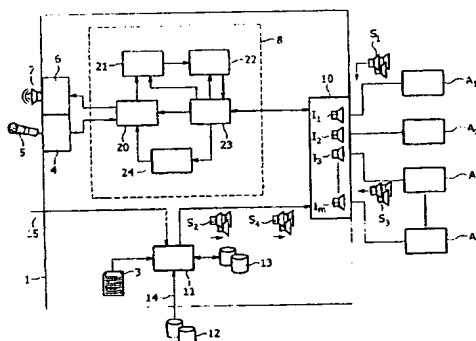
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(54) Title: A METHOD FOR DRIVING MULTIPLE APPLICATIONS BY A COMMON DIALOG MANAGEMENT SYSTEM



(57) Abstract: The invention describes a method for driving multiple applications ($A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$) by a common dialog management system (1). Therein, a unique set of auditory icons ($S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_n$) is assigned to each application ($A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$). The common dialog management system (1) informs a user of the status of an application ($A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$) by playback, at a specific point in a dialog flow, of a relevant auditory icon ($I_1, I_2, I_3, \dots, I_n$) selected from the unique set of auditory icons ($S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_n$) of the respective application ($A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$). Moreover the invention describes a dialog management system comprising an input detection arrangement (4) for detecting user input (5) to the system, a sound output arrangement (6) for outputting audible sound (7), a core dialog engine (8) for coordinating a dialog flow by interpreting user input (5) and synthesizing audible sound output (7), an application interface (10) for communication between the dialog management system (1) and the applications ($A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$), a source of unique sets of auditory icons ($S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_n$) assigned to the applications ($A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$), and an auditory icon management unit (11) for selecting relevant auditory icons ($I_1, I_2, I_3, \dots, I_n$) corresponding to the applications ($A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_n$) for playback at specific points in the dialog flow.



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